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Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC)

"A Federal Program funded through a grant from the Small Business Administration."

Five year, \$150,000 per year grant expires 19 April 2015

Goal for the Legislature:

To understand the mission and accomplishments of VBOC and see the value of continuing this program, even if the federal funding should end



THE NEW MEXICO VBOC VISION

"Every veteran in our region will be made aware of the resources available to those who desire to create or expand Veteran-Owned Businesses"

THE NEW MEXICO VBOC MISSION

"To assist veterans in achieving their entrepreneurial goals"



ONGOING VBOC RESPONSIBILITIES

"Boots to Business" Helping those who are leaving the military prepare for entrepreneurship

Quarterly Seminars at...

Kirtland Air Force Base Cannon Air Force Base Holloman Air Force Base

On-Call at

White Sands Missile Range

Occasional assistance, as assigned, in CO

ONGOING VBOC RESPONSIBILITIES

Outreach

During Grant Year 3 (FY13)

One-on-one counseling sessions	248
Event tables and booths	13
Presentations	17



Some Examples of VBOC-Influenced Businesses:

	<u>Employees</u>
Albuquerque	29
Gallup	5
Tucumcari	1
Albuquerque	1
Albuquerque	2
Albuquerque	15
Carlsbad	1
Espanola	2
Tucumcari	2
Santa Fe	1
Albuquerque	1
Radium Springs	1
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ONGOING VBOC RESPONSIBILITIES

"VBOC on the Road"

Taking our services to veterans throughout New Mexico, partnering with...

- Local Chambers of Commerce
- Local Economic Development Leadership
- Wells Fargo



"VBOC on the Road" Target Municipalities

Completed

Planned

Future

Alamogordo
Artesia
Carlsbad
Clayton
Clovis
Deming
Edgewood
Farmington
Gallup
Hobbs
Las Cruces

Los Lunas

Las Vegas

Los Alamos

Lovington **Portales** Raton Rio Rancho Roswell Ruidoso Santa Fe Santa Rosa Silver City Socorro Taos T or C **Tucumcari**



Typical Program

Breakfast and Program 7:30-9:00

One-on-one Counseling 9:00-11:00



"VBOC on the Road" Report Card

July 10, 2012 – September 3, 2013

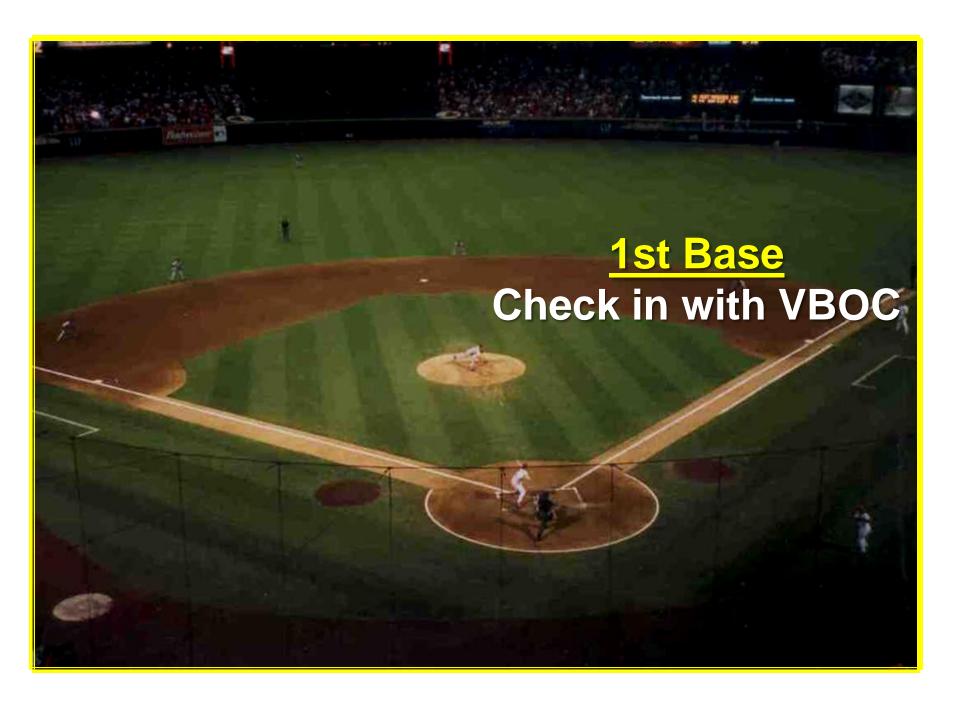
Events Conducted to date 1	7
Total Attendees 53	8
Total individual VBOC counseling sessions 8	2



VBOC...Helping Veterans become Winners at Starting a Business

"What we are looking for here is a walk-off home run."



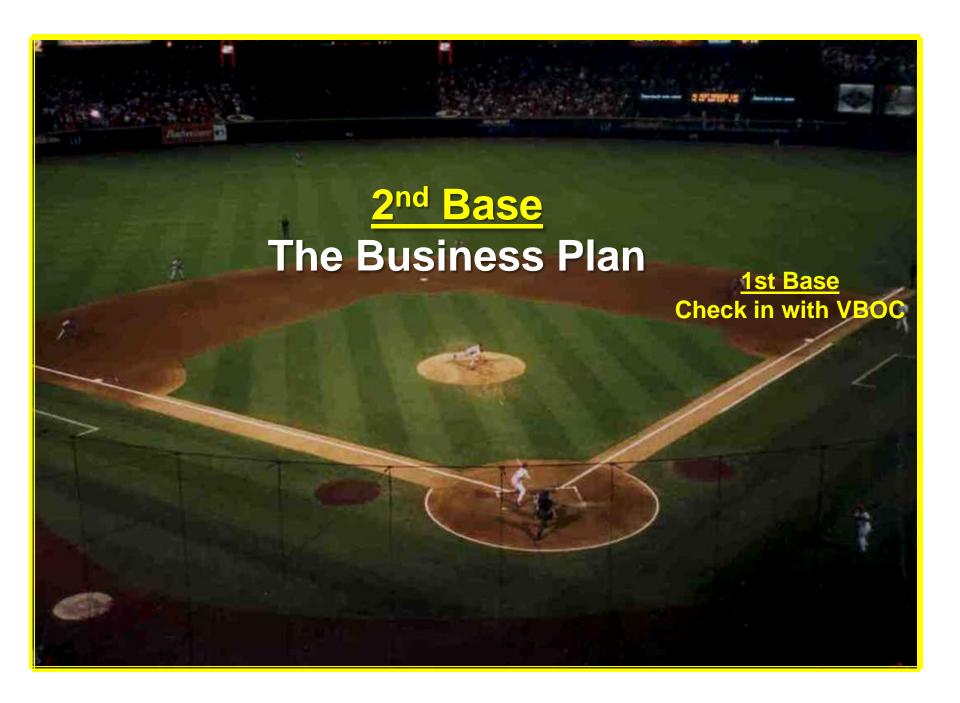


CHECK IN WITH VBOC

We'll help you...

- Determine whether your idea is feasible
- Prepare yourself to be a business person
- Learn advantages you have as a veteran (including free legal assistance through UNM)
- Identify the next steps to be taken





Keep in mind...

POOR PLANNING IS A PLAN TO FAIL



CREATE A BUSINESS PLAN

Determine...

- What kind of business structure will work best for you
- How best to describe the product or service you want to offer
- Who your competition is, and how effective it is
- Where to locate your business

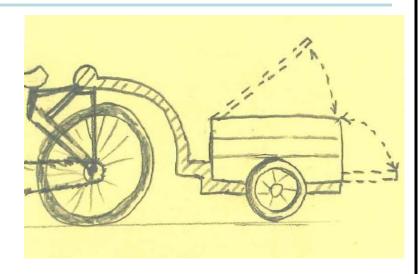


CREATE A BUSINESS PLAN (Cont'd)

- Operational and Management Plans
- A Financial Plan
 - Start-up Expenses
 - Operating Expenses
- Whether you will need a loan. If yes...
 - Assess your credit rating
 - Identify available lenders
 - Consider a Patriot Express Ioan
- How you will Market your product or service
- ...and more

Adam's Great Idea!

TRAILERS for BICYCLES



A business built on

"SEEMS LIKE"

- •SEEMS LIKE a great idea!
- SEEMS LIKE I should make a lot of

money!



AN IDEA THAT DID NOT WORK

Feasibility Assessment:

"Seems like I should be able to sell them for a good bit more than I spend to make them."

Business Plan:

"Make 'em and sell 'em"

Market Analysis:

"Show it around...Everybody's gonna want one!"

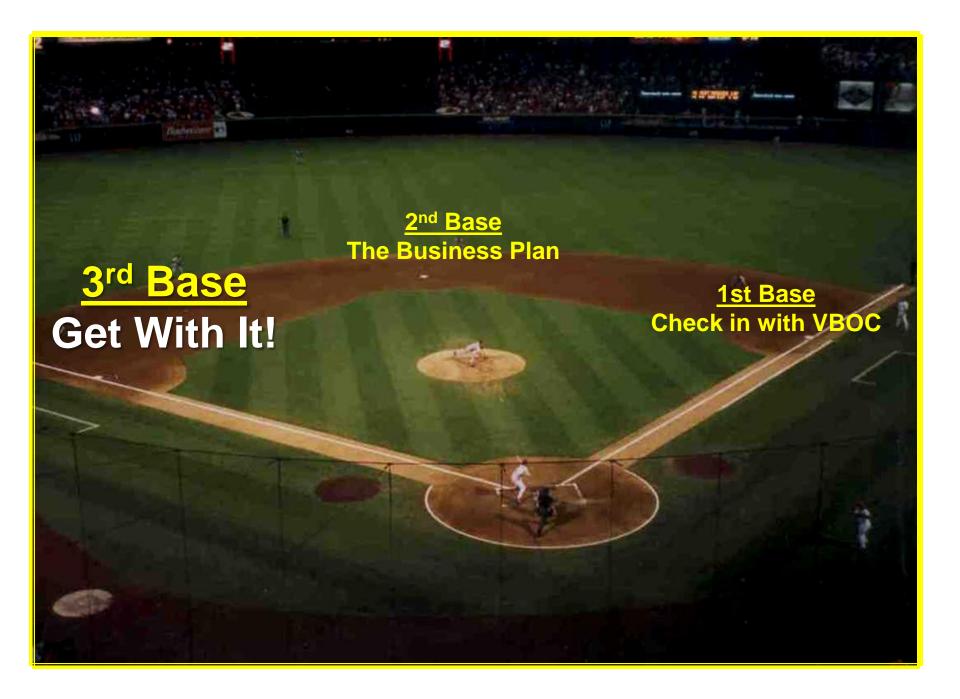
Financial Plan:

Substantial out of pocket investment for equipment and materials



"Hope is not a strategy."





FORWARD, MARCH!

Put your plan into action

- Determine to have a Winning Outlook
 - o"I will offer a quality product or service at a reasonable price"
 - o"I will keep a positive attitude"
 - o"A smile and friendly greeting cost nothing; my business will offer both"
 - o "I'll not spend more than I take in"



Registrations

- Legal structure
- Obtain your Tax ID (FEIN)
- Tax and Rev for CRS #
- Business License
- Public Regulation Commission (PRC)
- Employees?
- Contracts? NM TRD/SAM/VA
- Business Bank Accounts and Insurance
- Start Pursuing Business
 - Commercial/Private/Franchise/International
 - Government Contracts



Government Contracts

- Federal
 - ~23% of US Government Contracts go to Small Business
 - ✓ HUB Zones
 - ✓ Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned
 - ✓ Woman Owned
 - √ Veterans
 - ✓ Socio & Economically Disadvantaged
 - Veterans Administration
- NM (State-City-County)
 - Up to 10% NM Veteran Advantage



Some partners in the local area:

- The community's Economic Development leaders
- SBDC
- PTAP
- Veteran Services Officer
- Others



Touch All the Bases and Celebrate...

2nd Base
The Business Plan

3rd Base Get With It! 1st Base Check in with VBOC

A SUCCESSFUL VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS!!!

Recap

- 1. Let VBOC Help
- 2. Plan Carefully and Realistically
- 3. Take Action
- 4. Enjoy the Fruits of Your Hard Work



Yankee
Johnny
Damon with a
Walk-off
homer against
the Twins

The Celebration at Home...a Better Life for Yourself and Your Family



Lessons Learned:

The story is told of...

Goose Goslin and the 1924
World Series between the
New York Giants
and the
Washington Senators



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